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What's Happening This Week at the Planning Board?

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by Rich Rohan

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Tuesday, July 25, 2023

Remote Participation Only Via Zoom

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Also broadcast live on Wincam.org and available on the WinCAM – Winchester Community Access and Media YouTube channel (usually within 24 to 48 hours after conclusion of meeting).

Agenda (start times for each segment are approximate):

7:15 PM Open Planning Board meeting, updates

7:20 PM Approve minutes from 7/11/2023 meeting

7:25 PM Consideration of Zoning Board of Approval petitions

Petition No. 4001 – 3 Crescent Road

Petition No. 4002 – 75 Bacon Street

7:40 PM Discussion of 27 Church Street (Place holder)

7:50 PM Discussion of the selection of Town Planner

8:00 PM CIVICO proposal for Waterfield lot. Discussion of schedule and hiring of Peer Review Consultants for permit approval process. The Civico application comes to the Planning Board (the special permit granting authority for the Center Business District), under the Planned Unit Development provisions of Winchester's Zoning Bylaw (Section 7.3.14) and related procedures, submission requirements, design guidelines, inclusionary housing sections of the Bylaw, as well as CBD Regulations.

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The development is sited on one of the three potential PUD locations in the CBD and provide 60 rental apartments, of which 40 will be for low-income residents, 71 public parking spaces, and 48 private parking spaces. The Public Hearing for the Waterfield Development will open on Tuesday, August 8.

8:10 PM Presentation of summary report from consultant Josh Fiala, Principal Planner in the Land Use Department of the Metropolitan Area Planning Council on the Holton, Cross, and Swanton Light Industrial zones and discussion of next steps.

8:35 PM Discussion of next steps with consultants Michael Wang and John Rufo, principals of Form + Place working on North Main Street corridor study.

9:05 PM Board discussion of public outreach efforts.

9:45 PM Adjourn meeting.

Upcoming Planning Board Meetings:

Tuesday, August 8, 2023, 7:15 PM, Remote Participation

Tuesday, August 22, 2023, 7:15 PM, Remote Participation

Rich Rohan is a Precinct 2 Town Meeting Member

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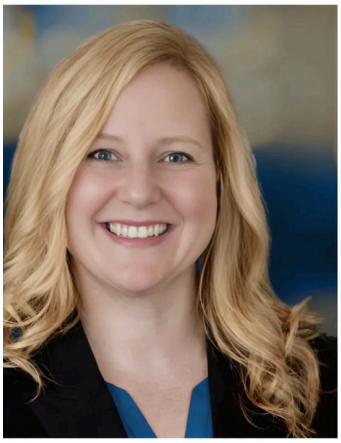

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The following was submitted by the Network for Social Justice: To mark Women's History Month and International Women's Day in 2026, the Network for Social Justice is collaborating with club leaders from Winchester High School and members of the Community Health team from La Colaborativa in Chelsea and

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FEATURES

'Chicago: Teen Edition' dances onto the Winchester High School stage

By Talia Ho | Correspondent Fame. Fortune. And all that jazz. This spring, Winchester High School presents "Chicago: Teen Edition," a bold musical that explores celebrity culture, media manipulation, and the cost of ambition. This iconic production is set in the 1920s. Performances will take place on March 13 and 14

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Ripley Chapel in Winchester presents 'Syldason: You Are Welcome Here'

The following was submitted by the Ripley Chapel at First Congregational Church: On Friday, March 13, beginning at 7:30 p.m., live in-person and live streamed from the stunning Ripley Chapel at First Congregational Church, Winchester, 21 Church St., join in with Syldason, a duo concert featuring Sylvie Zakarian,

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